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1. Japanese Patent Application Laid Open No. 9-197294, published July 31, 1997 together with an English language abstract;
2. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 6-245900, published September 6, 1994 together with an English language abstract;

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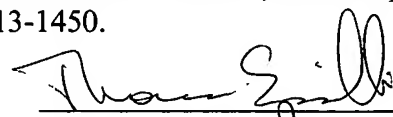
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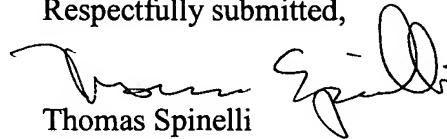
  
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3. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 1-170436, published July 5, 1989 together with an English language abstract; and
4. Japanese Patent No. 2882609, dated February 5, 1999 together with an English language abstract of corresponding Japanese Patent Application Laid Open No. 3-68330.

Applicant is submitting copies of the above-cited references. The relevance of the reference 4 has been described in the specification.

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		9-197294	7/31/1997	Japan			✓	
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		1-170436	7/5/1989	Japan			✓	
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<b>OTHER DOCUMENTS</b> <i>(Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)</i>
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